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Title: Method and Apparatus for Dense Motion Field Based Coding

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the outstanding final Office Action dated September 27, 2002, in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on August 4, 1999 with claims 1-26. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 24 are the independent claims. Claims 1-26 are currently pending in the present application.

In the final Office Action dated September 27, 2002, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1-3 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,654,771 (hereinafter "Tekalp"); (2) rejected claims 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,226,410 (hereinafter "O'Rourke"); (3) rejected claims 4-8 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tekalp in view of O'Rourke; and (4) indicated that claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.